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**From**: Cristina Gangemi MA, Director of The Kairos Forum

**To:**

My name is Cristina Gangemi and I am a disability adviser working with Bishop Paul Hendricks and Pontifical dicasteries, exploring theology through the lens of disability. Our aim has been to develop practical ways of ensuring *all* people can participate in the life and mission of the Church.

The incredible phenomenologist and Saint, Therese Benedict of the Cross: Edith Stein, has been an important companion on this journey. Stein devoted all of her life to a search for truth. Jewess, teacher, daughter, sister, aunt, nurse, academic, prolific writer; all of these experiences formed and inspired her within such a search. It was, however, in her experience of entering Carmel as a nun that all of her thoughts regarding the value of the human person came into harmony and empathy with God.

From 2nd to 6th July 2023 at Aylesford Carmelite Priory Kent, we will be undertaking a series of unique events that celebrate the gifts of creative people who experience disability as well as sharing in Steinian wisdom, as we finally meet with Edith Stein on English soil. This will be one of the first international events of its kind, introducing new areas of study including issues surrounding disability.

Theeventsare as follows:

**Event 1 (02 July 2023) Day of Celebration sharing in the gifts of people who experience disability, at Aylesford Priory** **Kent**

This Day of Celebration would be a perfect moment for a parish pilgrimage, discovering the gifts of symbolic catechesis and Liturgy… ***All are welcome.***

**Event 2 (04 July to 06 July 23) Three-day Conference**:***Dignitas Personae et Amor Dei: The Value of the Human Person and Divine Love; Meeting Edith Stein,*** atEdith Stein Centre (North Barn), Aylesford Priory:

**Day 1 The Value of the Human Person**

**Day 2 The Person in Community**

**Day 3 The Human and the Divine**

We are pleased to invite you to share the news of these events amongst your schools and parishes. We would really welcome school groups, Religious Ed and Philosophy students, adult formation teams and individuals who would like to explore the thinking and life experiences of this incredible woman whose voice holds many insights for all that we do in education and beyond.

Access includes : BSL interpreters, symbols and drama creative learners and physical access to all events.

For booking and cost information about the events contact Cristina Gangemi:  [cgangemi.kairos@gmail.com](mailto:cgangemi.kairos@gmail.com)

Yours sincerely,

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